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MOUNT PLEASANT MAN SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

(Texarkana, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 45-year-old Mt. Pleasant man has been sentenced for federal firearms violations in the Eastern District of Texas.

LARRY WAYNE LEWIS was sentenced by United States District Judge David Folsom to 180 months in federal prison for being a felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

According to court documents, on October 5, 2005, law enforcement authorities were dispatched to the Shady Oaks Apartment Complex in Mt. Pleasant. Upon arrival, witnesses were told police Lewis had stepped out of an apartment and fired a pistol. Officers made contact with a resident of the apartment and received her consent to search the apartment she shared with Lewis. During the search, officers discovered a .45 caliber pistol and approximately 70 rounds of ammunition.

Lewis had been previously convicted of multiple felony offenses in

Dallas County, including attempted Murder, Robbery, and Burglary, thereby prohibiting him from owning or possessing a firearm or ammunition.

This case was brought as part of the Department of Justice Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) initiative. PSN is a comprehensive, strategic approach to federal law enforcement that targets gun crime and violent offenders in an effort to make our communities safer.

This case was investigated by the Mt. Pleasant Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Noble.

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